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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN LABOR LEADER

REFS: (A) OSLO 1432, (B) STOCKHOLM 1507, (C) STATE 75615

1. PRESS HAS PUBLICIZED CURRENT VISIT TO SWEDEN OF JAMES STUWART, REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS (RESIDENT IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA). INVITED BY THE SWEDISH AFRICAN GROUP, STUWART HAS REPORTEDLY MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SWEDISH CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (LO), OTHER LABOR UNIONS, THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SIDA). THE PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION IN SWEDEN AND OTHER SCANDINAVIAN CAPITALS IS SAID TO BE TO STIMULATE POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SACTU'S ACTIVITIES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

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2. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 5, STUWART OPINED THAT SWEDEN SHOULD NOW BE DOING MORE IN BROAD AREAS TO HELP BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE POLICY OF THE PRESENT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND THOUGHT A MORE ACTIVIST PROGRAM WOULD BE IN PLACE HAD OLOF PALME AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

BEEN RETURNED TO OFFICE IN LAST YEAR'S ELECTIONS. STUWART WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SWEDISH BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS AND A WITHDRAWAL OF SWEDISH COMPANIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA. HE CALLED UPON TRADE UNIONS IN SCANDINAVIA TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE MEANINGFUL STEPS AGAINST APARTHEID. TO WAIT FOR UN DECISIONS AND MEASURES IS TO WAIT MERELY FOR A VETO IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, HE ADDED.

3. ACCORDING TO A TELEX RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY FROM WORLD PEACE COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS IN HELSINKI, DATED MARCH 30, STUWART PLANS TO BE MEMBER OF SMALL WPC DELEGATION WHICH WILL VISIT US NEXT WEEK. ACCORDING TO WPC, STUWART HAS INVITATIONS FROM QTE NUMEROUS PROMINENT UNQTE PEOPLE IN US INCLUDING REV. RALPH ABERNATHY AND REV. BERNARD LEE OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AS WELL AS DR. CARLTON GOODLETT, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES OF QTE SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIMS ON QUESTIONS OF PEACE, DETENTE AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. UNQTE THE WPC TOUR IS TO BEGIN IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 12, AND IN NEW YORK APRIL 25 AND INCLUDE STOPS IN SEATTLE, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, PITTSBURGH, CLEVELAND AND WASHINGTON, DC. THE WPC TELEX WAS IN SUPPORT OF STUWART'S PENDING VISA APPLICATION.
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